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Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt and United States Senators Robert M. La Follette and Albert B. Cummins Start Their Presidential Booms

THE FORMER ROUGH RIDING PRESIDENT HAS OPENED UP HEAD-QUARTERS IN CHICAGO WHICH ARE IN CHARGE OF COLONEL CHAUNCEY DEWEY.

WHO WILL BECOME HIS FIELD MARSHAL IN ILLINOIS AND ALREADY A LAND SLIDE IS COMING HIS WAY.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. TAFT'S STAR OF HOPE SEEMS TO BE SINKING BELOW THE POLITICAL HORIZON.

HON. SAMUEL ALSCHULER STARTS HIS FIGHT TO BECOME GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS.

IT IS INTIMATED THAT STATE SENATOR FRANCIS P. BRADY WILL HAVE THE SOLE POWER TO NAME THE COLORED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, AND THAT HE WILL EITHER SELECT OSCAR DE PRIEST OR FRANK C. LELAND.

The Republican politicians and all the high priests of the Grand Old Party of God and Gold, throughout the nation, were tumbled headlong into all kinds of political excitement, when it was flashed to all parts of the world last Sunday morning that State Senator Samuel A. Ettelson, Col. Chauncey Dewey, and the other leaders in the 1st Congressional District of Illinois, would instruct the delegates from that district to the national convention to work and vote last and all the time for Col. Theodore Roosevelt for president of the United States.

The actions of the big leaders of the Republican party in that district were like a mighty loud clap of thunder from a clear sky, for it was thought all along that a solid delegation from this state would break into the national convention and shout themselves hoarse in favor of the re-nomination of President Taft.

To further add to the national political excitement, United States Senators, Robert M. La Follette of Wis., and Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, started their presidential booms the first of the week, at the same time, a Roosevelt organization was formed in this city and Alexander H. Revell, the big and the successful merchant was selected chairman of the National Roosevelt Committee and Edwin W. Sims, former United States district attorney, was chosen secretary and will be in charge of the headquarters which have been opened up in the Congress Hotel.

Col. Chauncey Dewey, who thought he would be rewarded with the post-mastership of Chicago, by swinging the delegates in 1908, away from cussing Uncle Joe Cannon, to William H. Taft, but as President Taft, would not fall for him to land into any federal position, he will become the field marshal for the Roosevelt movement in Illinois and in every direction throughout the entire United States there seems to be a landslide in favor of re-nominating the former Rough Riding President, and it is claimed that his camp followers and shouters here in this city and state will spend a barrel of money in a desperate effort to capture the Illinois delegation to the national convention for him.

It would seem to a blind man up a tree that with Col. Roosevelt against him, who made him what he is politically, speaking from a national point of view, that President Taft's star of hope is fast disappearing or sinking below the political horizon.

For it must be admitted by those who are in favor of his re-nomination and re-election and by those who are bitterly opposed to it that he has made one of the poorest presidents that has ever occupied the White House, since the formation of this government.

Hon. Samuel Alschuler, started his fight this week to become governor of Illinois and it is freely predicted by the head politicians that it will be a neck and neck race between him and former Mayor Edward F. Dunne, already many of the political captains who assist to make and unmake

statesmen and governors in this state are climbing into the Alschuler band wagon.

It is intimated that the Republican slate makers here in Cook County have placed the welfare and the happiness of all the Colored politicians who tamely wear the collar of their white political bosses, because a war was fought between the North and the South almost fifty years ago, in the hands of State Senator Francis P. Brady and that he will have the sole right and power to name the Colored candidate for county commissioner, and that whether or not the Colored people like it, he will either select Oscar De Priest or Frank C. Leland.

Oscar De Priest, it is said received fifteen hundred dollars, last spring from Albert Tarnsey, to assist to defeat Alderman Milton J. Foreman, that at that time he turned Democrat long enough to receive that large sum of money and marched at the head of Alderman Tarnsey's parade from 37th and State St., to the city hall and he was present when the new Democratic Alderman from the 3rd ward was escorted to the chair which had for eight or ten years been occupied by Milton J. Foreman, and if Senator Brady names Mr. De Priest, the former Alderman and boss of the 3rd ward and his friends will not do a thing to him.

Frank C. Leland, like Oscar De Priest, always contends that little "Nigger" newspapers do not amount to a "Tinker's Damn," and if Senator Brady selects Mr. Leland for county commissioner who was only a figure head when he attempted to hold down that position, there will be something doing in the "Old Town."

For the better class of Colored people, in this city and county, will not stand for Messrs. De Priest or Leland for county commissioner, as neither one of them have ever been of the slightest benefit to the Afro-American race.

NO MORE POLICE INSPECTORS IN CHICAGO.

The Captains in the Several Police Divisions in the City Will Become the Powers Behind the Thrones.

Starting in the first of this week, there will be no more police inspectors in Chicago, most of the inspectors who have come out or through the fire unscathed after the police investigation and a general shaking up all along the line have become captains, and in the long run Chief John McWeeny, thinks it will be better in every way and bring around many important reforms in the police department; Inspector Nicholas Hunt, who is one of the very best thief catchers in this country; Inspector William P. Clancy, and other inspectors have been reduced to captains and assigned to duty at the following stations.

Captain John J. Halpin, captain of the detective bureau, Captain Max Nothbar, in charge of the Twenty-



DR. EDWARD S. MILLER.

Real Estate owner; highly upright-popular citizen, and Republican candidate for county commissioner.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS AND OLD VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS IN THE COUNTY GENERALLY.

The time being at hand when, in accordance with the custom governing your action, certain citizens will be recommended for nomination and subsequent election as members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, we the undersigned bonafide voters of the county, and officers of the Colored Republican Selection and Recommendation League, beg to submit the following for your earnest and fair consideration.

Presuming that it is the intent of the Republican Organization of Cook County to recommend for nomination a representative Colored citizen and tax payer of Cook County as a candidate for election as a member of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, we hereby, acting in our organized capacity, urge upon your attention Dr. E. S. Miller, residing at 3642 Wabash avenue—old 3rd Ward—as a person eminently fitted in every requirement, to receive the favor of your endorsement as a candidate for election to the above mentioned board.

Politically speaking—hence from a party standpoint—the hour demands of its candidates, character, qualification, lives of cleanliness, and a binding sense

of civic squareness and absolute honesty.

Such a man is Dr. E. S. Miller; who for many years has come and gone in our midst enjoying the esteem and respect of his neighbors, and of all men of all nationalities, as, in his modest unassuming manner, but withal, as a gentleman and a scholar, he has practiced and dispensed the helps and benefits of his noble profession. As a surgeon in the splendid "eighth," doing service in the Spanish-American trouble, his name is enrolled with the veterans who fought that war, and were given a nation's praise.

Inasmuch, as—in this new political day—the call and search is for the best—of the whites—to take political office, we know of no reason, when members of our race, seek or are offered nominations, looking to the filling of public office, that they no less than white men, should not be of the best.

Let us hope that the day is passed, never to return, when any kind of a Colored man, without character, qualifications or general fitness can be thrown into the face of discriminating Colored citizens, as a soap, by the "managers" at the party helm, and not be swiftly resented.

The candidate we suggest to Cook County Voters, comes clean is of the best.—W. Allison Sweeney, Pres.; J. E. Wright, 1st vice pres.; W. M. Brown, 2nd vice pres.; T. S. McFarland, treas.; L. L. Alexander, sec.; Jas. H. Brewer, Sargt. At Arms.

ALDERMAN PATRICK J. CARR PRESENTED WITH A DIAMOND STAR.

Tuesday evening, Alderman Patrick J. Carr, of the 5th ward, was presented, with a diamond star, by two or three thousand of his constituents and friends, who were in evidence at McKinley Park Hall, 35th street and Archer avenue.

The hall was not half large enough to hold his friends who desired to join in the surprise testimonial smoker and the banquet given in his honor. The diamond star, was presented to Alderman Carr, as a token of friendship and high esteem in which he is held in, in his neck of the woods.

Many prominent politicians from other parts of the city were present. Short orations were delivered by John W. Rainey, assistant Judge of the Probate Court, Hon. David E. Shanahan, member of the legislature of Illinois, Roger C. Sullivan, member of the Democratic National Committee; Peter Bartsen, President of the County Board; Attorneys George E. Gorman and Edward B. Litzinger and

Rev. Elijah J. Fisher, the Eloquent Pastor of Olivet Baptist Church

DISLIKES IT TO BE KNOWN THAT FORTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF HIS CHURCH OUT OF MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED MEMBERS VOTED TO INCREASE HIS SALARY FROM \$160 TO \$180 PER MONTH.

THIS IS A CLEAR CASE OF A SMALL MINORITY CONTROLLING A LARGE MAJORITY.

IT WILL BE JUST AS MUCH AS THE POOR AND STRUGGLING MEMBERS OF HIS CHURCH CAN DO TO PAY HIM THE INCREASE IN HIS SALARY.

Chicago, Jan. 23, 1912.

Julius F. Taylor,

Editor of The Broad Ax:—

Dear Sir:—

My publication through your valuable paper of Jan. 13, 1912, concerning Dr. E. J. Fisher, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., and the unfair methods used by him while acting as chairman of a Church business meeting of 80 members, in which his salary was considered and finally increased from \$160.00 to \$180.00 a month, by a vote of only 45 members in favor of it, has caused quite a sensation; partly on account of not receiving the \$200.00 a month demanded, and again on account of the publicity of the affair, which was supposed to be a private matter, but the "Truth is the light," and must be told at this time no matter who it affects.

He first said he had not decided what he would do about accepting the \$180.00 salary, but would let them know in March; this, however, was only a bluff, because on the very next Sunday he said: "I am at Olivet to stay." Now I don't think any person is trying to force him to leave the church, and therefore can't understand why he should say, "I am here to stay," but it may be that his conscience is speaking forth in silent voice, as that of a thunderbolt, telling him that the increase of his salary by a congregation which is hardly able to make a good living, and that his general method of tyrannizing over the congregation is an injustice, and if continued the time of his departure is at hand. But it is reasonable to believe that he will remain, and without any persuasion too. In fact Dr.

Fisher will stay at Olivet as long as he can, because he can't better himself.

In speaking of himself he said, "The church don't know who they have got;" perhaps they don't, but there is one thing that I think they should know by this time, and that is, that they have a minister whose word cannot be relied on. He took advantage of his position in the pulpit and attempted to censure the writer of the letter, and the paper for publishing it.

Now let me say right here: Whenever a minister of the gospel, lowers the dignity of the pulpit to vilify any person as he does, he is a coward of cowards of the deepest dye. The former publication told the truth just as it was, and it is a true saying that the "Truth hurts."

When giving our article of Jan. 13, to the Press, it was for the purpose of letting the members who were not notified of the Business Meeting to raise the pastors salary, just what is going on in their midst, and the present condition of affairs. Minorities cannot give majorities rights away only in "politics," and should not be considered in a church, which is supposed to be the gateway to "Heaven."

We did not contemplate writing anything further regarding this matter, but will add from now on we intend to publish any unfair advantage taken of minister or member in Olivet; we believe in freedom of speech, and freedom of the press. With many thanks for past consideration; by publishing this letter you will confer a favor on,

Yours respectfully,
E. B. MOORE.

RECITAL BY HARRISON EMANUEL.

Mr. Harrison Emanuel will be heard in a Violin Recital in Kimball Hall, Monday evening, January 29, at 8 o'clock. He will have the assistance of Mrs. Marie Burton-Hyram, soprano, and Mrs. Claire Cudney Mandy, accompanist. Mr. Emanuel will be presented by his teacher, Prof. E. P. Mandy. This will be the last opportunity to hear this gifted violinist, before his departure for New York, where he is to appear in the Prelenten recital to be given by Prof. Craig. Admission 25 cents.

THE TEACHING OF BUDDHA.

Buddha's morality is as superior to Christian morality as morality is to no morality. For the doctrine of Christianity is that evil doing can be and is forgiven, and the vilest sinner may escape the consequences of his sins by simply unloading them on Christ, who died expressly for that purpose. Such a doctrine can only have a pernicious influence. Buddha, on the contrary, gives the sinner no loophole of escape. He must receive the punishment entailed by the offence. Sin does not give place to sanctified virtue by baptism and a lip service at the eleventh hour. You can't sin on credit and let Jesus settle the account. Buddha knows nothing of hell, but he does insist that there is a law of cause and effect, and that bad conduct will bring disaster to the guilty.—Ross Winn.

CAPT. ROBERT F. RATCLIFF, LAID TO REST.

Last Sunday afternoon, funeral services were held over the remains of Capt. Robert F. Ratcliff, who passed away last week at Hopkinsville, Ky., at Quinn Chapel. Being Adjutant of the 8th Regiment Illinois National Guard since 1902, he was accorded all the military honors due him, at 3817 Vernon avenue, where his remains were viewed by many citizens prior to the funeral and at Quinn chapel. Col. John R. Marshall, commanding the 8th Regiment and a large number of his soldiers escorted his remains to Quinn chapel.

Capt. Ratcliff, being a prominent Odd Fellow, the members of that order, assisted to conduct the funeral services.

He served in the Spanish-American war, as a credit to himself and the 8th Regiment. For more than 18 years he served as clerk in the Chicago Postoffice, and having many friends in all walks of life, they crowded into Quinn chapel, to be present on the sad occasion.

His remains were laid to rest in Mt. Glenwood cemetery.